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SUBJECT: STATUS OF US-ISRAEL CIVIL AVIATION NEGOTIATIONS

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1. FOLLOWING IS REPORT OF STATUS OF AVIATION NEGOTIATIONS
AS OF COB JUNE 30.

2. AT MEETING ON JUNE 30 AFTER FURTHER INTERAGENCY CON-
SIDERATION, USDEL PROPOSED THAT US WOULD BE WILLING TO
GRANT ISRAEL LANDING RIGHTS AT THREE ADDITIONAL US CITIES
FOR USE BY EL AL IF ISRAEL ACCEPTED UNRESTRICTED CHARTER
FLIGHTS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND US PROPOSAL WITH
REGARD TO AIR FARES WHICH WOULD PREVENT EITHER COUNTRY
FROM UNILATERALLY DISAPPROVING AIR FARES PROPOSED BY AN
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AIRLINE. PREVIOUSLY, USDEL HAD OFFERED TWO ADDITIONAL
LANDING POINTS, WHICH ITSELF BETTERED OUR OFFER PRIOR TO
TALKS OF ONE ADDITIONAL POINT.

3. ISRAELI DELEGATION URGED THAT US RECONSIDER ISRAELI
PROPOSAL WHICH PROVIDED FOUR ADDITIONAL LANDING POINTS FOR
EL AL, ACCEPTANCE OF CHARTERS WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS, AND

RIGHT OF EITHER GOVERNMENT TO DISAPPROVE AIR FARES UNILATERALLY ONLY IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES. IT OFFERED TO

PROVIDE THAT AIR FARES COULD BE UNILATERALLY DISAPPROVED ONLY AFTER CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN ISRAELI MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND US CABINET LEVEL OFFICIAL. USDEL RESPONDED THAT SENIOR US AVIATION OFFICIALS HAD CAREFULLY CONSIDERED POSSIBILITY OF ISRAELI PROPOSAL, BUT WERE CONVINCED THAT ANY LOOPHOLE COULD VITIATE EFFECTIVE PRICING COMPETITION. FYI. US AVIATION AGENCIES ARE ADAMANT IN THEIR INSISTENCE THAT THERE BE NO EXCEPTIONS WHICH WOULD ALLOW EITHER GOVERNMENT TO DISAPPROVE AN AIR FARE, END FYI.

4. DELEGATIONS AGREED HAVE DRAFTING WORKING GROUP ON JULY 3 ON NON-CONTROVERSIAL PROVISIONS OF PROPOSED AGREEMENT AND TO BE IN TOUCH ON JULY 5 TO DISCUSS ISSUES FURTHER. VANCE

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